

#### § 4.357

the final order or final order upon reconsideration is vacated, the proceeding shall be remanded to the appropriate administrative judge for reconsideration and/or rehearing.

[56 FR 61383, Dec. 3, 1991, as amended at 67 FR 4368, Jan. 30, 2002]

#### § 4.357 Guardians for minors and incompetents.

Persons less than 18 years of age and other legal incompetents who are parties in interest may be represented at all hearings by legally appointed guardians or by guardians *ad litem* appointed by the administrative judge.

### Subpart E—Special Rules Applicable to Public Land Hearings and Appeals

AUTHORITY: Sections 4.470 to 4.480 are also issued under authority of 43 U.S.C. 315a.

CROSS REFERENCE: See subpart A for the authority, jurisdiction and membership of the Board of Land Appeals within the Office of Hearings and Appeals. For general rules applicable to proceedings before the Board of Land Appeals as well as the other Appeals Boards of the Office of Hearings and Appeals, see subpart B.

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#### § 4.400 Definitions.

As used in this subpart:

*Administrative law judge* means an administrative law judge in the Office of Hearings and Appeals, appointed under 5 U.S.C. 3105.

*BIA* means the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

*BLM* means the Bureau of Land Management.

*Board* means the Interior Board of Land Appeals in the Office of Hearings and Appeals. The address of the Board is 801 N. Quincy Street, Suite 300, Arlington, Virginia 22203. The telephone number is 703-235-3750, and the facsimile number is 703-235-8349.

*BOEMRE* means the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Regulation and Enforcement.

*Bureau or Office* means BIA, BLM, BOEMRE, ONRR, the Deputy Assistant Secretary—Natural Resources Rev-

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enue, or any successor organization, as appropriate.

*Last address of record* means the address in a person's most recent filing in an appeal or, if there has not been any filing, the person's address as provided in the Bureau or Office decision under appeal.

*ONRR* means the Office of Natural Resources Revenue.

*Office or officer* includes "administrative law judge" or "Board" where the context so requires.

*Party* includes a party's representative(s) where the context so requires.

*Secretary* means the Secretary of the Interior or an authorized representative.

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#### § 4.401 Documents.

(a) *Grace period for filing.* Whenever a document is required under this subpart to be filed within a certain time and it is not received in the proper office during that time, the delay in filing will be waived if the document is filed not later than 10 days after it was required to be filed and it is determined that the document was transmitted or probably transmitted to the office in which the filing is required before the end of the period in which it was required to be filed. Determinations under this paragraph shall be made by the officer before whom is pending the appeal in connection with which the document is required to be filed.

(b) *Transferees and encumbrancers.* Transferees and encumbrancers of land the title to which is claimed or is in the process of acquisition under any public land law shall, upon filing notice of the transfer or encumbrance in the proper land office, become entitled to receive and be given the same notice of any appeal, or other proceeding thereafter initiated affecting such interest which is required to be given to a party to the proceeding. Every such notice of a transfer or encumbrance will be noted upon the records of the land office. Thereafter such transferee or encumbrancer must be made a party to any proceedings thereafter initiated adverse to the entry.